

## APPENDIX B

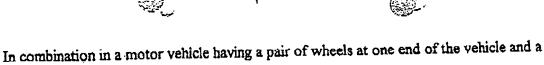
Interview with Examiner Mar dated November 2, 1998

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| Claim(s) discussed: 46 and 50  |  |                                |                                     | <u>.</u>                              |
| Identification of prior art discussed:   |  |                                |                                     |                                       |
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| Description of the general nature of what was agreed to  A claim defining the cruise mode operation and the h allowable.  The other claims will be reviewed subject to an updated  | ybrid yehicle togethe.<br>search.                | with a term                    | ninal disclaimer                    | would be                              |
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In combination in a motor vehicle having a pair of wheels at one end of the vehicle and a pair of wheels at an opposite end of the vehicle:

an electric motor for powering one of said pair of wheels;

a low prover combustion engine for powering one of said pair of wheels:

a centery for storing electrical energy; and

a cruise mode control having preprogrammed cruise mode operating conditions which includes a vehicle operating speed exceeding a predetermined level and for a predetermined time interval, said-control circuit automatically coupling said electric motor to one of said pair of wheels when said cruise mode operating conditions have not been satisfied, coupling said combustion engine to one of said pair of wheels when said cruise mode operating conditions have been satisfied, and decoupling said combustion engine from said one pair of wheels when said cruise mode operating conditions have not been satisfied;

said cruise mode control circuit adapted to maintain said combustion engine in a constant on mode, to couple said combustion engine to an electric power generator for charging said battery when said cruise mode conditions have not been satisfied, and to decouple said combustion engine from said electric power generator when said cruise mode conditions have been satisfied.